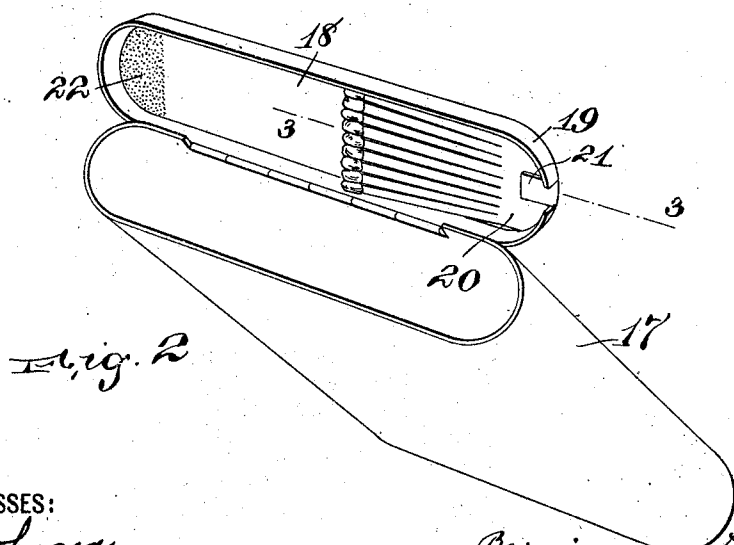
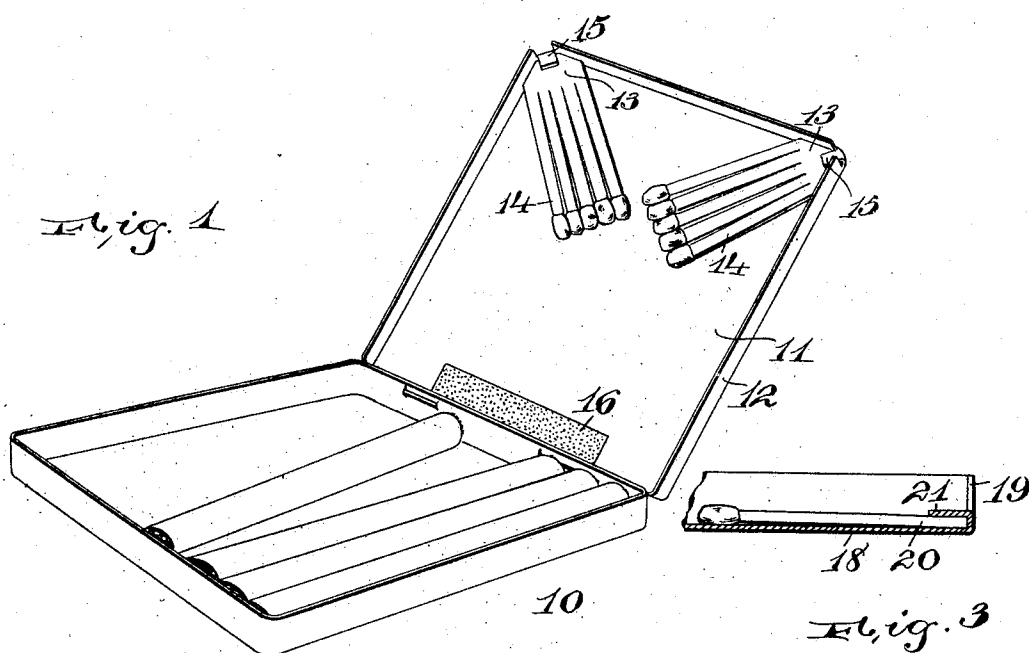


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARNIM L. BEHRENDT, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 This invention relates to an improved box for matches, tobacco, cigars and the like, the box having a lid, the lid in turn providing means for holding matches against the inside of the lid in such a manner that the 20 matches can be individually detached.

The lid is preferably supplied with an abrasive or igniting surface to be used in lighting the matches, particularly safety matches. The matches are affixed to the lid 25 and being placed on the inside of the lid, need no additional separate compartment, but are contained in the box with the cigarettes, etc.

This invention is used with boxes, the lids 30 of which are flat or substantially flat on the top to provide a surface for the matches to lie against.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

35 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a metal cigarette box showing my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view of a tobacco box. Fig. 3 is a section through line 3, 3, in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 1 I show a metal box 10 having a 40 lid 11 which is supplied with a marginal flange 12 to fit over the outside of the box to form a tight joint and hold the lid shut by friction. The top of the lid is flat or substantially so. Lying against the inside of 45 the top are the strips or sheets 13 which are slitted to form the individually detachable matches 14. The strips or sheets are held in place by lips 15 which are bent down from the flange 12 and clamped

tightly over the sheets to hold the sheet 50 when a match is detached. The edges of the sheet adjacent to the flange are cut to approximately fit the edge of the lid to prevent any side motion if a match is twisted to one side for detaching it. A strip or 55 abrasive or igniting compound 16 is pasted or brushed on the inside of the lid.

I show a tobacco box 17 in Fig. 2, which box has a long, narrow lid 18 with a flange 19 on its margin. The strip of matches 20 60 is held by a lip 21 bent down from the flange, the matches lying the long way of the lid. The abrasive or igniting composition 22 is placed in the lid at a convenient place. 65

The invention herein set forth overcomes the necessity of carrying a separate match-box, and enough matches are provided to allow for the lighting of the contents of the box if used normally. The marginal flange 70 when bent down to form the lips is so disposed at these lips that they are in position to be engaged by the top edges of the box every time the lid is closed. Every time a match is pulled off, the lip undergoes a 75 strain which tends to loosen the match strip, but at each closing the strip is again pressed into place to cause it to tightly bind against the strip that goes to clamp the matches in place. 80

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

The combination of a box having a lid, the lid having flanges to go over the outside edge of the box, with a row of detachable 85 matches, a portion of the flange of the lid being bent to form a lip to hold the matches, the lip resting on the edge of the box when the lid is closed, whereby the lip is pressed to its holding position at every closing of the 90 box.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of December, 1911.

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